

FIG. 1
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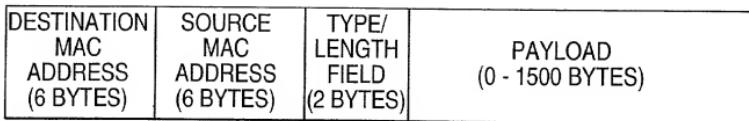


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FIG. 2

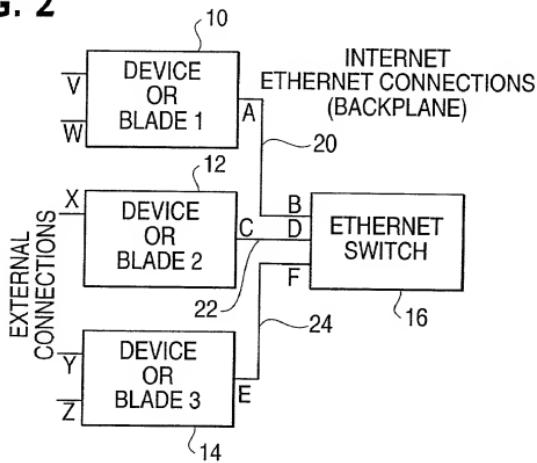


FIG. 3

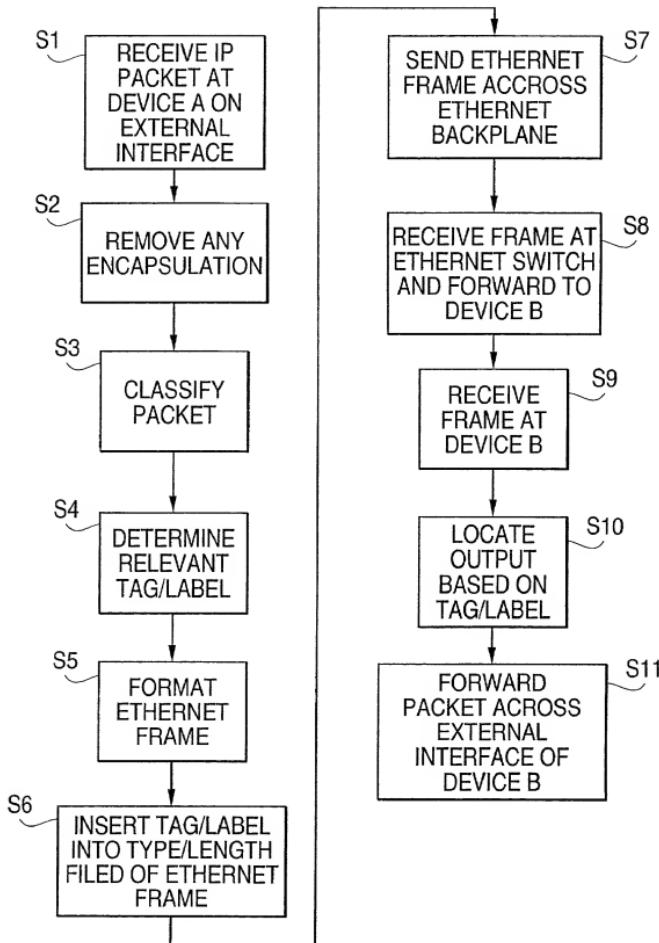


FIG. 4

Name	# Bits	Description
Destination MAC	48	Address of destination blade.
Source MAC	48	Address of source blade (blade sending the packet).
Type/Length field	16	Generic label/tag.
Payload	0 - 12000 (1500 bytes)	Transported data.

FIG. 5

Name	# Bits	Description
Destination MAC	48	Address of destination blade.
Source MAC	48	Address of source blade (blade sending the packet).
Type/Length field	8	Must be set to 81. First part of VLAN identifier.
Type/Length field	8	Must be set to 00. Second part of VLAN identifier.
VLAN tag. Packet priority	3	May be used to provide QoS on the backplane.
VLAN tag. CFI	1	VLAN identifier.
VLAN tag. VID field.	12	Generic label/tag.
VLAN - Type/Length field.	16	Transported data.
Payload	0 - 12000 (1500 bytes)	